

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 of copending Application No. 10/576,904.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1-6 are herein amended. Claim 8 is herein cancelled without prejudice.

No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the case.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendment and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

A part of the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 6, 2006 (the Office Action incorrectly recites the date as "03/10/2005") was not considered because legible copies of the cited references had not been submitted.

Applicants submit herewith a corrected Information Disclosure Statement, including legible copies of the cited reference.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be considered.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

(1) Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claim 8 is herein cancelled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve a right to pursue the cancelled subjects matter in a continuation application(s).

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 8 is now moot.

(2) Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 8 is herein cancelled and, therefore, the rejection of this claim is now moot.

Specifically, the Office Action states that “the phrase ‘W is a six-membered, non benzofused, phenyl’ is not clear.”

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants believe the cited phrase is clear in that the terms “six-membered” as well as “non-benzofused” refer to both phenyl and heteroaryl; otherwise, it would not make sense to use the term “six-membered” in connection with phenyl only, as phenyl is “six-membered” by definition. Moreover, the way the commas are placed also supports this interpretation.

Nevertheless, Applicants have herein amended claim 1 for even further clarification in order to avoid any possible misinterpretation.

The Office Action further states that "the phrase 'solvent complexes or morphological forms' is not clear".

The phrase is herein deleted, without prejudice, to solely accelerate the prosecution of the case.

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-5 and 7 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection on the Ground of Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 of copending Application No. 10/576,904.

The rejection of claim 8 is now moot as it is herein cancelled.

Since the present application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/004371 filed April 26, 2004, which is earlier than the filing date (October 18, 2004) of PCT/EP04/11704 on which copending Application No. 10/576,904 is based, Applicants believe no terminal disclaimer is necessary to obviate the rejection in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 of copending Application No. 10/576,904 be withdrawn.

Additional Amendment

Claim 6 is herein amended to delete the designation "(rac.)-" for each compound. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 4, line 29, and at page 8, last paragraph through page 9, first paragraph of the present specification. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

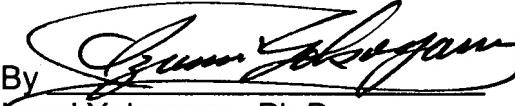
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Applicants believe all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is respectfully requested.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not enclosed as they were provided in application Serial No. _____, filed, which the present application relies upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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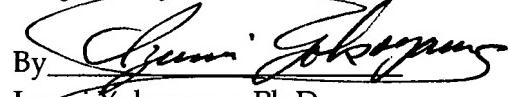
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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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